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**UDLA**

## Sister university under year-long warning for accreditation

By KAILEY DELINGER  
Staff Reporter

The Universidad de las Americas, which has come under scrutiny for the closure and subsequent reopening of its newspaper, is garnering more unwanted attention.

TCU's sister university has

been placed under a yearlong warning by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the agency that accredits both UDLA and TCU.

SACS, an American agency that accredits universities in 11 U.S. states and Latin America, gave the university its warning

when UDLA filed a follow-up report after a 2005 affirmation of its accreditation.

According to SACS documents, UDLA was sanctioned for its violation of two SACS Core Requirements: one prohibiting a governing board controlled by a minority of board members

and one requiring demonstrated financial stability.

SACS adviser Jack Allen, however, said the measure isn't necessarily a threat to the university.

"Most colleges work their way out of this," he said.

SACS posted its decision in a one-page document on its Web site

but declined to disclose any further information on the sanction.

According to SACS documents, UDLA's first violation has to do with its governing board.

Professor emeritus and UDLA historian Edward Simmen said UDLA differs from American universities in that it has a Patronato,

a governing body that has veto power over its board of trustees.

UDLA board member Neil Lindley said the Patronato's six members are part of the Jenkins family, a Puebla, Mexico, family that controls the Fundacion Mary Street Jenkins, a foundation

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## Invisible Children campaign returns, screens documentary

By KATHLEEN THURBER  
Staff Reporter

Countless frail bodies lie stacked together on the concrete surface of a Ugandan bus park — a pile that, if it weren't for the occasional arm twitch, looks more like a field of corpses than a group of frightened children.

Before the sun rises, the group wakes, folds its ragged blankets and traipses out of Gulu, Uganda back to their homes. Because with daylight, the children say, comes a shred of safety; it's only in the darkness that they seek refuge from the threat of being kidnapped.

These are the images and sentiments members of the Invisible Children campaign say they hope will resonate with students when the screen goes black at tonight's second showing of "Invisible Children: Rough Cut."

Though there were few empty seats in the Student Center Ballroom Monday night, students were silent as African children told of their friends and family members who had been captured by a rebel group. And while reactions at the screening ranged from silent stares to gasps to tears, Carson Bankord who is traveling through Texas with three others from the Invisible Children group, said he hopes the images do more than just shock students.

"I want to see change," he said. "Not only in Uganda, but through the high schools and colleges in America."

The lives of the children in the video and all over Northern Uganda are the ones the Invisible Children organization aims to change — an effort that started after three college students traveled to Africa in 2003 looking for a story to film.

What they found in Uganda was a country in the midst of a 20-year war where children were hiding every night to avoid being kidnapped by a rebel group that abducts children and trains them for their army.

Dan Kidega, the youth MP for Northern Uganda, said in

the documentary that the rebels choose children because they're easiest to brainwash into being soldiers.

"Nobody joins voluntarily," he said.

The rebel group, the Lord's Resistance Army, is led by Joseph Kony who, according to an article from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, thinks he is connected to a spirit and wants to overturn the Ugandan government and implement a system based on the Ten Commandments.

What started as an amateur film project has turned into a growing non-profit group whose mission is to spread awareness about and change the situation in Uganda, said Sean Walker, the movement coordinator for Invisible Children.

Walker said in the last year and a half the group has grown from about 10 volunteers and five paid staff to 50 volunteers, 30 paid staff and 50 "roadies" — people like Bankord who have given four months to travel the country in an oversized van, screening the film and talking about Uganda.

"It's so weird because I never thought I'd be a part of something that's a different social issue in a different country," said Bankord, who explained that he heard about the situation in Uganda about four months ago. And though he said living out of a van "is so not me," he felt this was what he needed to be doing right now.

Although the situation is nowhere near remedied, Walker said they are starting to see a difference.

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**FOR YOUR INFO**

"Invisible Children: Rough Cut"

- 8 p.m., Student Center Ballroom
- Merchandise will be on sale after the screening and behind the library all day today
- For more information: invisiblechildren.com

## GETTING IT WRIGHT



(Above) Jim Wright, 84, teaches Topics in American Politics in the fall semesters after serving 35 years in Congress. (Below) Speaker of the House Jim Wright and Vice President George Bush watch as President Ronald Reagan delivers his final State of the Union Address to Congress on Jan. 25, 1988. Wright served as Speaker of the House from 1987 to 1989.

### Former House speaker wants to be remembered for peacemaking

By ANDREW CHAVEZ  
News Editor

He sits in his office, fiddling with a metallic coaster bearing the congressional seal. A painting of a rural Parker County church surrounded by bluebonnets on a rainy day hangs above his giant, cluttered desk. It once hung above the same desk in his Washington office to remind him of Texas. Now it hangs in his Texas office and reminds him of a day when Jim Wright was one of the most powerful men in the nation's Capitol.

His office, a replica of one he once occupied on Capitol Hill, is tucked away in an alcove of the Mary Couts Burnett Library behind an assortment of statues, photographs and newspaper clip-



pings in a collection bearing his name.

"I've been very fortunate to have things break the way they have," the 84-year-old, white-haired former congressman said.

The once-great orator now speaks with a slur from a bout with cancer that cost him part of his tongue and jaw.

He teaches an entry-level political science course at TCU, hoping to instill the values he says were violated by those who contributed to his political downfall 16 years ago. But despite the

professorship he now occupies, he never earned an undergraduate degree.

And it all began with a knee injury — the injury that kept him away from the football field for the first time.

His football coach nudged him toward the debate team, saying Wright was one of the school's best prospects, and thus began an interest that one day would lead Wright to Washington, D.C.

"He'd found something that I could do equally as well or better, and he wanted me to do it," Wright said. His

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## Faculty Senate to review code

By JOANNA DEERING  
Staff Reporter

Pending approval from the Faculty Senate, the Student Government Association may soon launch an honor code system, which has been in the works for two years.

The SGA Honor Code Task Force, which has met weekly since its inception in the spring of 2006, gave presentations to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the entire Faculty Senate during dead days last semester.

"Once we create a plan that the Faculty Senate finds agreeable, we might run a pilot program to get a feel for how the honor code system would operate," said Richard Rigby, a senior biology and chemistry major.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said, "The most important thing that can come out of a well-designed and strongly implemented honor code is that it emphasizes the concepts of bravery, honesty, responsibility and leadership in all of us."

The group's goal is for cheating to decrease and integrity to increase, said Justin Brown, chair of student affairs.

The honor code's significance to professors is also being considered.

"No one is arguing that academic misconduct is acceptable," Rigby said, "so having a means to deter cheating, without negatively affecting the professor-student relationship, is a flower in every professor's bouquet."

Currently, the Honor Code Task Force is evaluating 128 schools listed in U.S. News & World Report's top schools in America, which includes such universities as Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Princeton and MIT, to see what within their honor codes is working.

"At some schools, it is the case where students can overrule the dean and can give the most severe punishment," Brown said. "This is not an approach we are looking at for TCU."

At the meeting, possible ini-

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# Sorority sponsors book drive for Katrina victims

By JENIGHI POWELL  
Staff Reporter

Monday started a week-long book drive for Hurricane Katrina and violence-stricken John McDonogh Senior High School in New Orleans.

The TCU five-member chapter of Chi Upsilon Sigma National Sorority, Inc. is sponsoring the book drive that will end Friday, Feb. 16.

Senior Narcely Ruiz, cultural events coordinator for CUS, said her sorority was inspired to hold

a book drive after a member at the University of Delaware wrote a letter describing her experience of volunteering at the predominantly black high school. The letter was e-mailed to all chapters across the country.

"We are a family," said Ruiz, a criminal justice major. "My sisters here are no different than my sisters in Delaware."

CUS members at the University of Delaware and Texas State University are also participating in book drives for the high school.

Ruiz said they want works primarily by black authors, such as books by Maya Angelou, Malcolm X and Booker T. Washington, but books of any kind are acceptable. CUS decided to host this event during black history month to promote black literature while collecting books for the high school.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina depleted the school's resources and escalated student violence and teacher shortages, Principal Donald Jackson said.

"We faced several challenges in rebuilding the campus," Jackson said. "We didn't have hot water or enough textbooks, and students had to eat cold lunches."

Jackson said philanthropy efforts by organizations help to give students a real sense of community.

"All of these efforts have really come in handy," Jackson said. "We are just so thankful for everyone who has been a part of rebuilding the school."

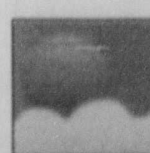
Boxes for new, used, single or sets of donated books will be located next to the information desk in the Brown-Lupton Student Center and criminal justice office. Pictures of John McDonogh Senior High School students are also on display.

CUS members want to host a fundraiser later this semester and hope to involve more student organizations to raise money for the high school.

Sorority members do not have a numerical goal for the

drive; however, they plan to buy additional books and school supplies after the fundraiser. Delivery to John McDonogh Senior High School will be once all money and books have been collected, Ruiz said.

"We just want to be able to help them as much as possible," said Beatriz Gutierrez, a sophomore communications major and president of CUS. "Our goal is to make as many people aware of the John McDonogh's situation as we can."



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### INVISIBLE

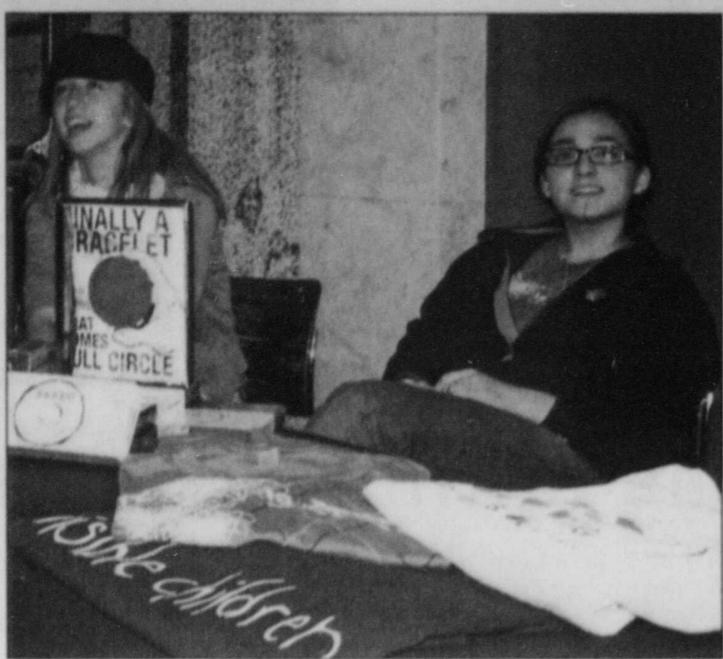
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Uganda began peace negotiations last year and a truce was signed in August, according to a Nov. 13 CNN.com article. However, Walker said, while the number of children commuting each night has dropped because of decreased access to the territory by the LRA, the problem has only been dented.

The focus this year will then be on raising awareness and aid for the Internally Displaced Persons camps. These IDPs were meant to protect children and others from the LRA, but with overcrowding and poverty they have become a place strife with malnutrition and disease similar to the conditions of the children shown commuting in the movie, Walker said.

"The camp has just not done what it has intended to do," he said.

Last year more than 80,000 people in 130 cities participated in a Global Night Commute to recognize and call attention to these children's situation, Bankord said. This year, the event will be called Displace Me and will take place in April in 15 cities with the hope of gathering more people at fewer locations to create an environment similar to the IDP camps — all to get citizens and the government to take notice, Bankord said.



JESSICA LO / Staff Photographer  
Jenna Stauffer and junior Kaitlin Horansit at the Invisible Children booth in the Student Center outside the Main to help promote interest in the event.

Until then, students can get involved through the "TRI" campaign, which entails pledging \$3 a week to Uganda or through the "Schools for School's program," which began Feb. 5 and involves American schools teaming up with schools in Uganda to provide them with the money and supplies they need to stay open.

And while Keith Whitworth, a sociology instructor, said it's no secret that TCU is not a hot-bed for grassroots movements like this — the situation in Uganda is not only being noticed, but the Invisible Chil-

dren campaign on campus was also started and has been sustained by students, something Whitworth says he's never seen in his nine years here.

"At times people around the world will ignore certain social problems unless it touches them personally," Whitworth said. "In this case you can't ignore it because it's delivered to your front door."

The "roadies" will be on campus today, visiting classes and talking about their cause before screening the documentary again tonight.

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tiatives discussed included printing an honor pledge on syllabi, blue books and tests, finding speakers and organiz-

ing honor-code-related events, like integrity seminars and working with First Year Experience to educate new students about the honor code were discussed.

The Faculty Senate had also requested clarification of a diagram showing the process stu-

dents and faculty would go through to deal with an honor code violation.

The alterations to the diagram are supposed to be finalized by this week's meeting, but the initiatives are subject to change.



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor  
Sophomore Justin Brown (center) discusses a TCU honor code system with senior Michael Haveman (left), junior Katrina Grote (far right) and David Bedford. Brown said the group's intent is to decrease cheating.

### SACS

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tion that has provided the majority of UDLA's funds over the last few decades.

"We, as board members, don't have the power that it may appear to some people," Lindley said. "... There are some of us that are of the view that there should be a diversified board and that the control should be in the hands of a diverse board of professional educators and supporters — of people who actually understand higher education and are committed to its quality."

SACS documents relate the second violation to UDLA's inability to demonstrate financial stability.

Allen said UDLA will be asked

to submit a follow-up report in December, at which point SACS will determine whether the warning will be removed, its sanctions heightened to probation or its accreditation dropped.

Rudolph Jackson, vice president of the SACS Commission on Colleges, said UDLA will be hosting a team of SACS evaluators in April. The evaluation will be part of a portfolio of information that the agency will use in its December decision.

Bonnie Melhart, TCU associate provost for Academic Affairs, said the warning may or may not be a threat.

"It doesn't necessarily mean anything," Melhart said. "If your accreditation gets taken away, then it's a big deal. And, of course, any institution doesn't want to be on warning because it

means that you are headed down a path you don't want to go."

UDLA officials said the problems would be addressed.

"As usual in any accreditation process, UDLA has recommendations and time to respond to them," said Enrique Silva, UDLA innovation and planning director. "UDLA has attended to all of the re-accreditation recommendations and has sent all of the required documentation. At the moment, we have a group working on the last recommendations we have pending."

Silva did not return e-mails requesting information on which recommendations UDLA has addressed and which are pending.

News editor Andrew Chavez contributed to this report.

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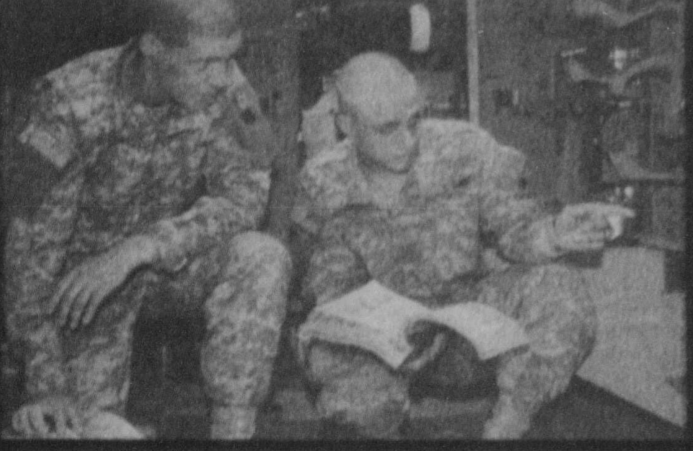
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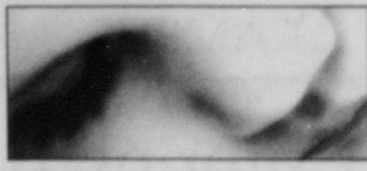
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"Without change, something sleeps inside us, and seldom awakens. The sleeper must awaken."  
— Frank Herbert

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

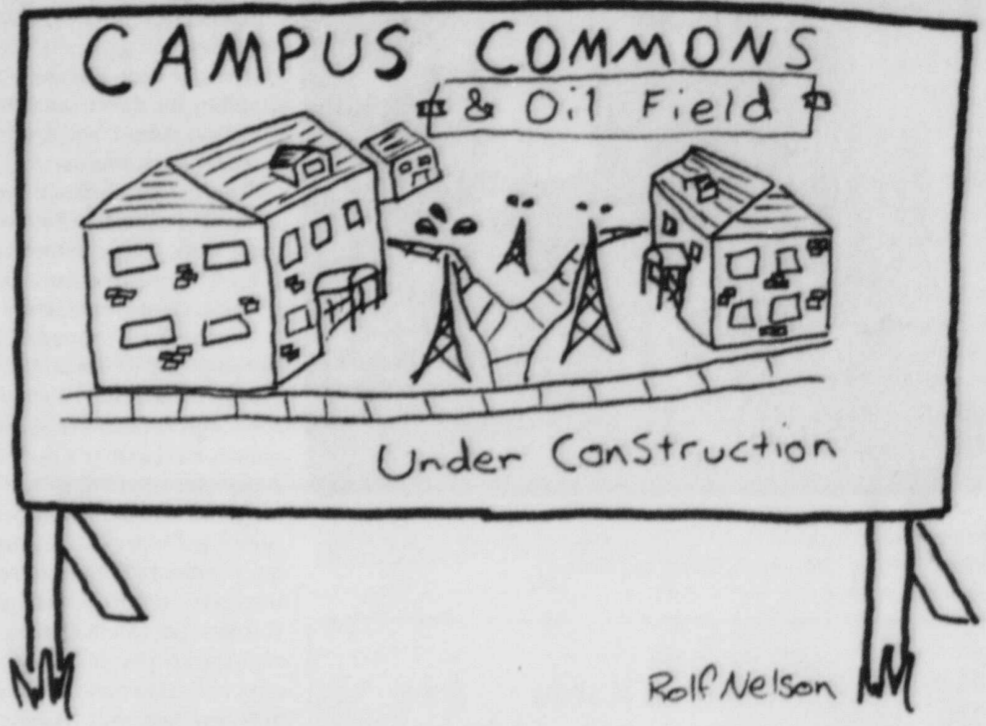
**School should tap into gas revenues**

The university is sitting on a gold mine. Administrators are involved in negotiations with local companies to tap into a pocket of natural gas sitting below campus. The same situation is occurring across Fort Worth as companies hurry to tap into the Barnett Shale, a natural gas resource that stretches through several Texas counties. Companies hope to not only purchase mineral rights from the university, they hope to utilize unused space on campus as drilling sites. While the idea of having a drilling site on campus isn't necessarily very appealing, the potential revenue from such a venture certainly is. If the local companies are allowed to tap into the pocket, the arrangement could bring millions of dollars to the university. With the university's ambitious appetite for building and the Vision In Action program — both large potential expenses — looming in the future, the university would

be crazy not to add another outside revenue stream. There's no reason for that supplemental revenue stream not to come out of the Barnett Shale. The new revenue would shift the financial burden away from donors and strengthen the university's financial holdings by adding a revenue stream that is more of a long-term asset. As long as TCU ensures the drilling practices are safe and that students' safety isn't in danger, the plan is a win-win. Running a university is expensive, and a little supplemental income wouldn't be the worst thing in the world for TCU. Some may object to the university getting into the fossil fuel business. But, then again, Texas has been in the business for quite some time. The reality is that companies are going to just drill elsewhere, and the school might as well jump on the bandwagon.

*News editor Andrew Chavez for the editorial board.*

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**Don't let competition ruin life; keep it fun**

Kids playing soccer in the park, small girls singing their hearts out at beauty pageants and a hopeful mother of three calling into a radio station to

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win a prize for her children are all manifestations of competition in our world. Our society encourages a little healthy competition to give us something to strive for; however, competition can go from normal to unhealthy when a soccer mom verbally abuses a referee for a bad call, when a pageant princess is chastised by her mother for hitting the wrong pitch or when that mother of three loses her life because of a ridiculous contest. Twenty-eight-year-old Jennifer Strange called in to participate in a contest promoted as "Hold Your Wee for a Wii." KDND 107.9 FM The End in Sacramento hosted the contest, in which contestants drank as many bottles of water as they could in a three-hour period. Whoever went the longest without using the restroom would walk home with a coveted Nintendo Wii game system. However bizarre the contest seemed, the radio station managed to find people willing to burst their bladders for the new, rare console. After losing the contest, Strange went home complaining to one her coworkers that she did not feel well. That was the last time they heard from the young mother until she was found in her home dead from water poisoning, according to the autopsy. The Dallas Morning News reported another contestant death in East Texas. Patterson

Nissan, of Longview, held a regular contest called "Hands on a Hard Body," in which contestants put their hand on a truck and whoever held on the longest won a new Nissan. One man, after having lost the contest, dragged his sleep-deprived body into the nearest store, stole a shotgun and committed suicide. Ridiculous contests such as these leave losers in an unhealthy state, both physically and mentally. Gone are the days when a little friendly competition was fun. It seems in this world you are either a winner or a loser. According to the European Molecular Biology Organization, many athletes inject the hormone erythropoietin to enhance their performance illegally. Major League Baseball players are punished for using steroids to boost their batting averages. Competitiveness causes these competitors to endanger their bodies and their careers. It is just a game. Is it worth it all to lose it all?

Since when did winning become a life or death matter? Strange and the man who killed himself lost a great deal more than just a game system and a new truck. They lost their lives; they lost everything they had made for themselves. Most believe one must work hard to become a winner. I am sure those two worked as hard as they could to have a wonderful family and a life worth living. These people were winners before they participated in these contests. Now they have become the biggest losers because they have lost everything. It is pretty ridiculous when, in order to win, you have to lose.

*Hayley Freeman is a freshman English major from Fort Worth.*

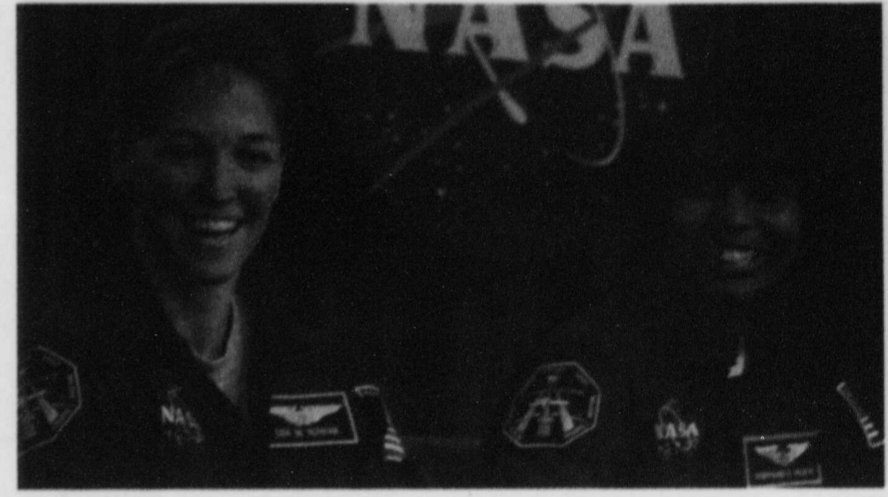
**Be romantic, not over the top**

With Valentine's Day nearly upon us, love is in the air — or at least marketers want us to think so. And not everyone is satisfied with the average teddy bear, box of chocolates or display of affection. Some people like to take it to the extreme, ranging from a publicized marriage proposal to attempted murder. As an aspiring psychologist, I'd like to offer a humorous psychoanalysis of the

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crazed lovers to soothe those who may feel scorned by St. Valentine and to ground those who will be spending the day on cloud nine. Let's start with the crazy and then move forward to the insane, with a pit-stop at ridiculous in between. Rand Fishkin, of a still anonymous location, began an attempt in September 2006 to raise money to propose to his girlfriend, Geraldine DeRuiter, on a Super Bowl commercial. He nearly secured a spot on a commercial for an unnamed corporation, but CBS and the corporation pulled out at the last minute. A locally made ad ended up airing on an episode of Veronica Mars on Feb. 7. She said "Yes." Psychoanalysis: This man is clearly worried his girlfriend may not say yes so he has decided to put her on the spot and increase the pressure from a normal marriage proposal to that of Super Bowl magnitude. He is suffering from JumboTron syndrome, a condition in which men are disillusioned into believing women actually think sports are romantic. Sorry boys, no matter what she claims, being caught on a big screen with your hair pulled back in a baseball cap and your mouth stuffed with peanuts is not an optimal time for a romantic gesture. Now let's move to the motherland — that's right Great Britain. BBC News online reported that grocery conglomerate ASDA, part



Space shuttle Discovery, STS-121, crew members Mission Specialist Lisa Nowak, (left) and Stephanie Wilson answer questions Feb. 17, 2006 during a press conference at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Nowak is accused of the attempted murdering of a woman rivaling for her boyfriend.

the Wal-Mart family, is planning to host Singles Nights during the week of Valentine's Day, since the grocery market is reportedly the next trend in meeting available daters. The evening begins with cars parked in alternate boy/girl spaces. In the store, singles will shop around to "Our Tunes" and stop at "Love Spots" marked by balloons. Any items they pick up are checked out via the "Singles Only" lane and shoppers even have a chance to declare new found love on the store's PA system. Psychoanalysis: Singles attending this function are looking for a healthy dose of light-hearted fun. Reminiscent of a high-school theme party, this seemingly juvenile practice may perk up the spirits of the mature and lonely. It's the silly ideas that usually turn out to be the most fun, so they seem destined for success. But, if it doesn't work out, patients have easy access at the pharmacy to the anti-depressants all singles crave on Valentine's Day. Insane Asylum Convict of the Week goes to NASA astronaut Lisa Nowak, who was charged with the attempted murder of Air Force Capt. Colleen Shipman after following and attacking her. Nowak was jealous of Shipman because she was dating a man Nowak had strong feelings for. In Nowak's words, what she and the

man had was "more than a working relationship and less than a romantic relationship." Among other items belonging to Nowak, police found a BB pistol, detailed maps in order to follow Shipman, a trench coat, steel mallet, folding knife, rubber tubing and several large plastic garbage bags. Psychoanalysis: If those items don't say "crazed killer," then I don't know what does. What Nowak did was a prime example of the extremely stupid things people do when "they're in love." I can't fathom tracking another woman for two months, following her to her home and wearing diapers so I don't have to make any bathroom stops — all for a man whom I don't have a relationship with. How much more in denial can she be? Psychology 101: Admitting it is the first step. Now that I've given you the diagnoses of the top three crazies for this Valentine season, I leave you with this prescription: Though we may not be able to control our rational thought when so deeply in love, try to keep the ridiculous romantic gestures to a minimum and leave the extreme stunts to the experts. *Anahita Kallianvala is a freshman English and psychology major from Fort Worth. Her column appears on Tuesdays.*

**Manners survey one-sided; polite actions not universal**

"Manners maketh man" was the motto given by William of Wykeham to the New College of the University of Oxford. Now, six centuries later, politeness still matters. On Monday, my psychology professor attempted to demonstrate the differences in moral reactions with two scenarios. First, the professor purposely asked a student for a bottle of water without saying "please" or "thank you." Then, he pretended he was fine with people urinating on national flags. The students were much more shocked by the lack of manners regard-

ing the water bottle than by the other situation. One of the adjectives commonly used by foreigners to define Americans is "polite." I am always surprised when strangers here ask me how I am doing. In fact, in a June 2006 survey, Reader's Digest concluded that New Yorkers were the most polite people in the world. This survey, conducted in 35 cities around the world, was based on the results of three tests — dropping papers in busy streets to see if anyone would pick them up, checking how often salesclerks said "thank you" and counting

of how often someone held a door open to a stranger. Unfortunately for my compatriots, Paris was only No. 15 out of the 35 cities tested. Perhaps, in order to improve its ranking, the Paris transit authority has launched a campaign to teach politeness to passengers. The buses and metros now feature humorous posters reminding travelers to avoid whacking their neighbors with their backpacks, etc. There is much to reproach in these politeness rankings. Asian cities came in among the last. But doesn't this poor ranking simply indicate that its inhabitants are

less likely to speak English and, therefore, less interactive with English-speaking surveyors? The survey featured the Western world as the champion of politeness and civilization, but weren't the three tests evaluating politeness based on purely Western standards? In some countries of Africa, avoiding eye contact when speaking to an elder is a sign of respect. In Ghana, it is more polite to leave some food on one's plate to show that one has received enough to eat. What if the politeness of New Yorkers had been downgraded for looking their interlocutors

in the eyes and finishing their plates? The surveyors should realize many Asians are more polite than Western citizens. The Japanese language, for instance, has many different forms of the verb "to do," which takes on different conjugations when used among close friends, formally, to show respect to others and to refer to one's own actions. No Western language counts so many polite distinctions. Had my psychology professor played his water bottle trick in India, students would probably not have been shocked by the absence of "thank you." Accord-

ing to a journalist for Wordpress.org, Indians are not accustomed to saying "thank you" to strangers but commonly nod or smile. No one is universally polite. American writer Ambrose Bierce once said that politeness was "the most acceptable hypocrisy." So far as it provides warmth to a society, politeness is more than acceptable. But let's not assume that others have learned to be hypocritical in the same way that we have. *Soline Leprince, a visiting student, is a history and international and public affairs major from Paris, France.*

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# Students present original pieces during lunchtime recital



RYAN CLAUNCH / Staff Photographer  
Sophomore modern dance major Curtis Green performs his piece, "a Trio," Monday during the semiannual Brown Bag Dance.

By MICHELLE EUPERIO  
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty were able to eat their lunches while watching dancers perform in a student choreography showcase Monday.

Brown Bag Dance is sponsored by the dance honor society, Chi Tau Epsilon, and is produced entirely by students.

The informal dance recital is open to all dance majors and happens once every semester. The hour-long performance is open to all students and faculty.

Dance faculty members were not required to attend but many lined the first two rows to show their support, said Allie Stevens, a modern dance major and choreographer for the show.

Studio B in the Ballet Building was filled with students watching pointe, ballet, modern, hip-hop and color guard pieces. Dances performed were solo and group pieces, while other dances had props that included mirrors, flags and chairs.

Two of the pieces will be performed at the American College Dance Festival on campus next week.

"This is a great opportunity for dancers to gain experience in choreography and perform different types of dances," said Petrina Arneson, a junior ballet major and Chi Tau Epsilon vice president.

Students signed up to choreograph pieces in the show last semester but actual practices did not begin until this semester, Stevens said.

"I like being a part of Brown Bag Dance because there are no limitations," Stevens said. "In choreography classes, there's rules you have to follow and here, it's whatever you want."

Stevens has been a participant in several past Brown Bag Dances, and her choreography is used in one of the two pieces selected to perform at the American College Dance Festival.

Some of the pieces in Brown Bag Dance are also part of the

senior project show, but Brown Bag Dance is not limited to senior choreographers.

"Seniors have the opportunity to showcase their choreography at the end of the semester, but this allows underclassmen to get involved also," said Alicia McConnell, a junior ballet major.

Sophomores Nicole Dalier

and Curtis Green performed a hip-hop dance to a popular Justin Timberlake song for the finale.

"I really enjoyed the show," Jordan Chafin, a junior communication studies major, said. "It was nice to see the dancers in a casual setting doing what they love."



RYAN CLAUNCH / Staff Photographer  
Krista Jennings, junior ballet and modern dance major, performs "Will You?" in the Brown Bag Dance on Monday afternoon.

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# Smith items fetch higher price online after death

By MARLENE NAANES  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

After the news of Anna Nicole Smith's death broke Thursday, people weren't asking only about how she died.

They were also asking how much she's worth — and not just based on wills and legal claims.

They were looking to sell anything and everything

Smith, from Playboy centerfolds to bobblehead dolls from her stint as an E! network reality television star.

Slews of online eBay listings followed. And so did the sales.

A top seller, the domain name thestoryofannicole-smith.com, was listed just after the clock struck midnight the day of her death and sold for \$3,500 just before 4:30 p.m. Friday.

A phone line at a St. Petersburg, Fla., store that helps people list on eBay was flooded with questions about how much copies of a 1993 Playboy magazine featuring the voluptuous centerfold were going for.

"It was kind of a mad rush," said Lori Lombardi, manager of iSold it on eBay. "I thought it was sudden, but that's just my opinion as a person, not as manager."

The onslaught of sellers and buyers after Smith's death is not surprising, says econ-

omist Victor Matheson. The professor at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., has studied the effect the death of a baseball icon has on the price of his trading card.

Short-lived spikes in the card's worth ensued after the death of greats such as Joe DiMaggio. Within a year, the price was back to what it was when the slugger was alive. The reason for an increase in sales prices isn't that people are worried about the limited stock of memorabilia or that they are looking for investment opportunities, he said.

"It's the nostalgia associated with this, all the news associated with the death," Matheson said.

In Matheson's research, the bigger the star, the bigger the spike in memorabilia prices. As for Smith, how big the spike will be and how long it may last are undetermined for now.

"I don't want to disparage Anna Nicole Smith, but there's some question down the line if she is going to be one of the most popular icons," he said. "Will someone know Anna Nicole Smith in a year? It's not clear at all to me that they will."

A comparison of some items listed on eBay before and after her death showed a definite spike. An 8-by-

10, signed, seminude photo with a certificate of authenticity sold for less than \$2 on Feb. 1. On Sunday, autographed prints of the same authenticated picture locked in bids upward of \$50, and one print sold for more than \$300 on the day of her death.

A seller trying to hawk a bobblehead version of Smith couldn't sell the doll in January. But, hours after Smith was found dead, a buyer quickly snapped up one doll for \$14.99, and hours later a case of 48 fetched more than \$300, according to eBay's listings.

Part-time eBay seller Stephanie Perry, of Missouri, sells magazine clippings of celebrities and said she once thought, what if one died? Would she make more money, faster?

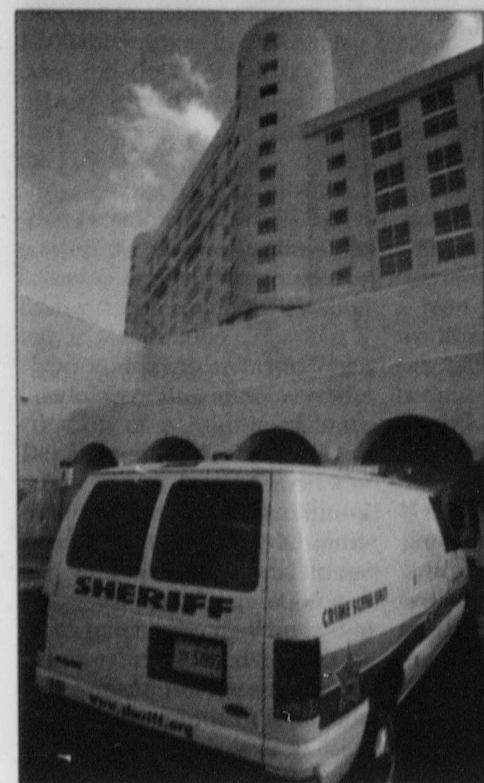
Smith's death was the first time Perry was able to answer that question. She had posted Guess? magazine ads featuring Smith more than a year ago and twice failed to sell them.

This time, two days after Smith's death, Perry made \$19.99 off ads listed for just 24 hours. She has another bid for \$20.50 listed for similar clippings.

"It's morbid, and I definitely feel bad about it, but I put them on as soon as I could," Perry said.



Anna Nicole Smith attends G-Phoria: the Award Show 4 Gamers at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on July 31, 2004.



Anna Nicole Smith died Thursday after collapsing at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Fla., on Feb. 8.

# Woman causes HIV scare at Pennsylvania college

By CHRISTINE OLLEY AND  
DIANA HUYNH  
Philadelphia Daily News

Cheyney University is on edge after the arrest of a woman who school police said had been soliciting students for sex and indicated to cops she was HIV-positive.

Sakinah Floyd, 36, of Upper Darby, Pa., was arrested Thursday night by university police on prostitution charges, according to Joseph Brielmann, spokesman for the Delaware County district attorney's office.

University said the woman visited two dorms — Truth and Yarnell halls — on the school's Delaware County campus.

While in police custody, she indicated that she is HIV-positive, something that has students all over campus very nervous.

"We're just worried that it will cast a negative light on the university. And we are especially worried about the welfare of the people here on campus," said one female student, who didn't give her name.

Hall, said all the students in her dorm are taking advantage of the free testing.

"Safe sex is always the best sex," the female student added. "I feel bad for everybody else though, especially for the females on campus with boyfriends who may have been creeping around — there is no way for them to know."

A male student, who declined to give his name, said

Sunday that tension was very high among his classmates after news spread quickly.

Sunday, some students — angered over the negative publicity surrounding the incident — yelled and cursed at reporters.

"Everybody is scared right now, but really to be honest, what I would like to see is more unity and more intelligence when people make deci-

sions because it's bad and it really makes us look bad," said the male student, 21.

Students said they learned of the incident Thursday night through fliers that were passed out on campus.

Campus officials are urging anyone who might have had sexual contact with the woman to seek medical treatment and HIV/AIDS testing, which the university is offering at no cost.

Brielmann said that Floyd has been charged with two counts of prostitution, aggravated assault, open lewdness, recklessly endangering another person, and disorderly conduct involving at least two Cheyney students.

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**WRIGHT**

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mother, an English literature teacher, couldn't have been happier that Wright was giving up football.

By the end of his junior year, the same history class Wright tried to use to land a starting spot on the football team peaked his interest in another subject - World War I - in which his farther had served.

"I got to thinking that one thing that I could do that would do more good than being a good football coach would be to go to Congress and support something that helps create world peace," he said. "So right there I knew that's what I wanted to do with my life, but I couldn't just go hang up my shingles and say I was a congressman."

He started studying politics, government, economics, history and read books about the presidency.

He finished two years at Weatherford College, a junior college, and went on to the University of Texas.

He completed two semesters there and, after Pearl Harbor, he decided to enlist.

Twenty-four days later he was sworn into the U.S. Air Force and pulled to the South Pacific, where he flew B-24 bombers during World War II.

When he returned, he was married to his first wife, Mab, and had a son, James C. Wright, III.

"When I came back I knew what I wanted to do," Wright said.

That's when he began his political career.

He held a seat in the Texas House of Representatives, was mayor of Weatherford and eventually ran for the U.S. House of Representatives at age 31 and won, beginning a 35-year career on Capitol Hill.

His ascent would end at the highest position in the House, the speaker's chair, where he succeeded fellow Democrat Thomas "Tip" O'Neill.

Betty Wright, his second wife who he refers to as "the pride of my life," recalls her husband's fame.

"We could go to New York or anywhere and walk down the street and people would stop us and they still do," she said.

Wright traveled all over the world seeking peace, whether it was in the Middle East, South America or the Soviet Union.

He hopes someday he'll be known for these efforts.

"Those are the things I dearly enjoyed participating in, making peace, and I would like to have some thought of being remembered as a peace maker," he said.

Most, however, know Wright for his descent from power. And if the ascent from Mr. Wright to Mr. Speaker was fast, the descent was even faster.

The former speaker's signature bushy eyebrows lower at the mention of the events that led to his resignation.

"Horrible," is the first word that comes to his wife's mind.

"It was one of the worst things I've gone through in my life," Betty Wright said. "But that was his life and that's what he aspired to be and he got there and it turned on him."

He was accused of ethical mis-



Jim Wright (right) is shown with President John F. Kennedy.

JIM WRIGHT COLLECTION

conduct by then-rising star Newt Gingrich's Conservative Opportunity Society and other House Republicans.

"He was asking that this be investigated and that be investigated and so on," Wright said. "I said, 'All right, let's investigate whatever you think I did, set up an investigation.' I thought it would take a few weeks to look into - they were foolish things."

A few weeks turned into three years, though.

"Every morning in the Star-Telegram and in The Washington Post there would be big articles on whatever they said he had done," Betty Wright said. "All these things that were going around in the paper, I'd say hardly any of them were true. It was all switched to their liking."

"It just wasn't right." Digging up dirt on Wright became a full-time job for some, he said. His old opponents and people in his hometown began to get phone calls from opposing legislators' offices looking for information that could be used against him, he said.

"To me it was intolerable," Wright said. "I did not go up there to participate in this kind of a contest. I didn't want any part of that."

"I thought I was doing an injustice to the Congress by even allowing that to occupy the time

and attention of the news media and the voters," he said.

Betty Wright said once the accusations began it was an endless cycle.

"You've got to go on and they're accusing him of something else and something else and something else and you're trying to keep up with all that," she said.

He stepped down from the speaker's chair on May 31, 1989. Six days later, the Democratic caucus selected a replacement, officially ending his term as speaker. At the end of June, 1989, he resigned from Congress.

"It was my reputation and I'd rather have that more than so any other job and so I resigned, retired, left," he said. "I got some things done as my first year as speaker, but I was not willing to sacrifice the initiative of proposing things for America just so they could take a back seat to these damn personal charges and it was just not tolerable."

Wright regrets walking away from Capitol Hill to this day, but said he's been happy ever since.

"I believed at the time that it would so shock and shame everybody in the Congress and that it would go back to being the way it was," he said. "I guess I was wrong. I guess I just mis-

calculated the strength of my own popularity in Congress."

He soon began a speaking tour on college campuses and said he enjoyed answering questions from students more than he enjoyed answering questions from the press in Washington.

After a stint in the private sector, he found that joy again when he began teaching at TCU.

He paints occasionally and enjoys sports, his family and gardening with his wife. They still have regular weekend dates to the movies and he dines almost weekly with friends around a big round table at the Green Oaks Hotel.

"I thought Jim would stop and smell the roses and kind of retire somewhat but he didn't, he just kept on going," Betty Wright said.

Jim Riddlesperger, a professor in the political science department, said Wright has more energy than most 84-year-olds he knows.

"Keeping up with him is a difficult thing," Riddlesperger said.

Wright said the students he teaches keep him young.

"If I was confined to associating with people only my age, I probably would just deteriorate more rapidly," he said.

He hopes the principles he passes onto them make them leaders for future generations.

"I hope to plant some good thoughts and purposes in the minds of these students as they pursue their dreams and go expand their knowledge and ambitions," he said. "You say the things you think are important and you hope that it makes an impression."

Student Neal Jackson said Wright often emphasized the importance of mutual respect in his anecdotes, but it was his powerful orations that truly made him unique.

"It's not only the experiences but his ability to articulate them," Jackson said. "That's the magic of Jim Wright."

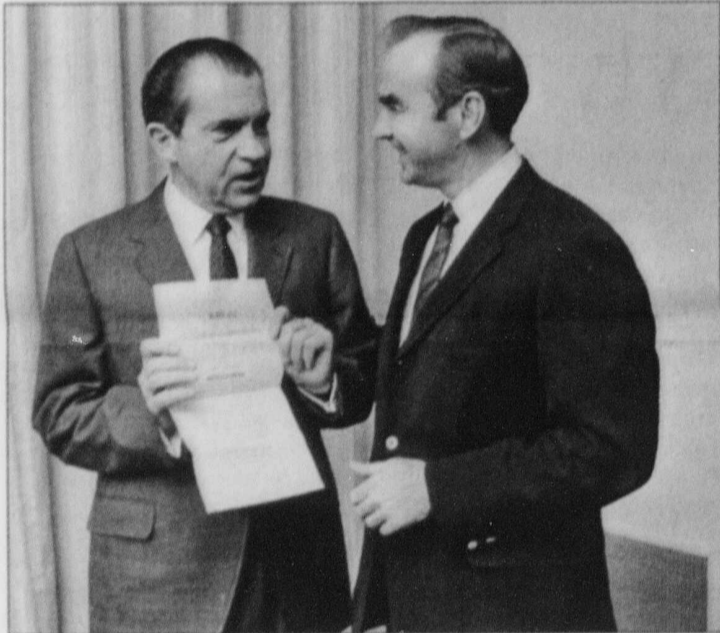
Even though Wright doesn't have a doctorate like most professors, Jackson said his anecdotes make a lasting impression.

"His dissertation was 40 years and it was his life," Jackson said. "The guy lived and breathed politics for his whole life."

Riddlesperger said most professors study what they teach, they don't practice it - and that's what makes Wright unique.

Wright, though, insists that what makes him unique is his passion for what he teaches.

"I've always had the feeling that students get a great deal more out of any class if they can approach it not like a bowl of medicine but like a big ol' bowl of ice cream," he said.



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Jim Wright (right) discusses House Resolution No. 612 with President Richard Nixon.

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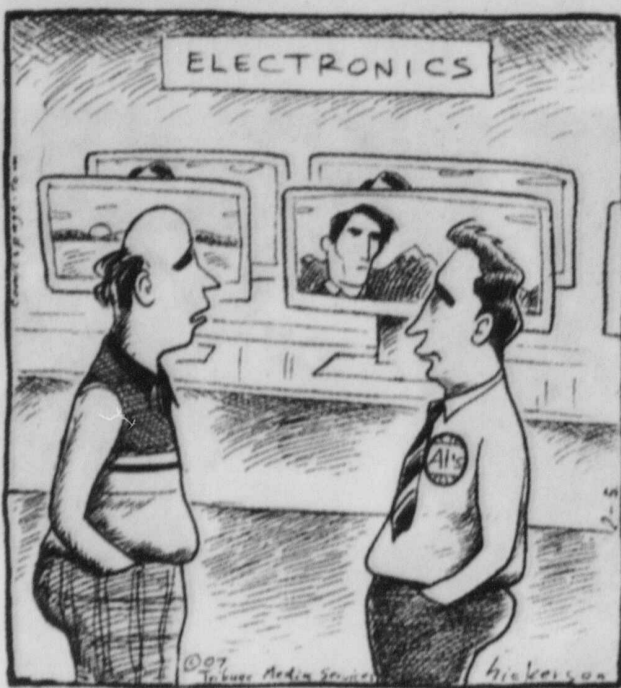


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 Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

**Friday's Solutions**

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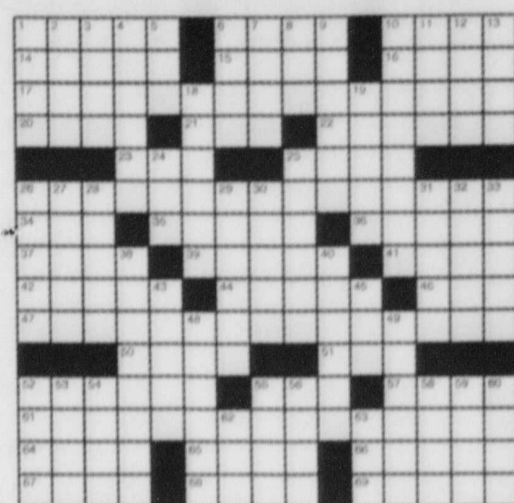
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 15 God of love  
 16 Operatic showstopper  
 17 Shot  
 20 In this spot  
 21 Ridge, TN  
 22 Difficult trial  
 23 Dog tags, briefly  
 25 Norwegian saint  
 26 Shot  
 34 Flew the coop  
 35 Rainbow fish  
 36 Inquisitive one  
 37 IBM element  
 39 Technique  
 41 Hindu goddess  
 42 Gaucho's goodbye  
 44 Signs of sorrow  
 46 Work wk. starter  
 47 Shot  
 50 Zen paradox  
 51 Sundial numeral  
 52 Group of fish  
 55 Opening letters  
 57 Wall St. abbr.  
 61 Shot  
 64 Datebook entry, abbr.  
 65 Manhattan neighborhood  
 66 Hardy's nickname  
 67 Hive horde  
 68 Wilhelm of Cooperstown  
 69 Chicky comments  
 7 Out of control



By Doug Peterson  
 Pasadena, CA

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**Friday's Puzzle Solved**

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 2 Botanical balm  
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 8 on your life!  
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 10 Termite devourer  
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 12 Philbin's partner  
 13 Humorist Mort  
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 19 Get a grip on  
 24 EPA-banned substance  
 25 Wanted man  
 26 Actor Denney  
 27 Han Solo's pal  
 28 Up to  
 29 Decaying agent  
 31 Heat's home  
 32 Casaba or honeydew  
 33 Rubber gasket  
 38 Sentinels  
 40 Beethoven's Symphony #3  
 43 Blind another's business  
 45 Hindu title  
 48 Single shoe protector  
 49 Ignite  
 52 Sizable slice  
 53 Sieveless garment  
 54 Oversell  
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**BATTER UP**  
 See how the baseball team handled its first opponent at home this semester.  
**TOMORROW**

# No. 35 Frogs beat by No. 68 foe

By JOHN BOLLER  
 Staff Reporter

The men's tennis team was unable to get a victory this weekend. The loss put the Frogs below the .500 mark with two weeks to prepare for their road match against the No. 21 LSU Tigers.

The Horned Frogs (1-2), were defeated Sunday afternoon by the Texas A&M Corpus-Christi Islanders (1-2) at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

"We had great chemistry in the doubles matches," head coach Dave Borelli said. "Corpus Christi is a good team and much better than its ranking."

Kriegler Brink and Cosmin Cotet knocked off the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's South Central Regional champs, Andrey Kumantsov and Mikhail Pavlov, 9-8(6), clinching a 2-1 victory for the Frogs in doubles play.

"That was a great match by Brink and Cotet," Borelli said. "We needed that win going into singles play."

Brink lost his match to Pavlov by default after the first set. Following set he retired from the match leaving an automatic match win for Pavlov.

Brink did not comment on his match and was not at the team meeting following the matches.

Both Borelli and tennis media relations representative Kyle Seay would not make any comment about Brink, except Seay said the default by Brink was not a cause for worry.

Freshman Caleb Bulls was defeated by the Islanders' Dmitry Novikov (6-1), (6-3).

"In the first set, I was nervous and had no rhythm to my game," Bulls said. "I started to

hit the ball much better in the second set and was able to take something from the match."

Bulls said his opponent did not make many mistakes, making it hard to stop Novikov's momentum.

Junior Stuart Row and Christopher Biro, a transfer graduate student, both lost in straight sets to A&M-Corpus Christi's Jose Zunino and Novikov.

The Frogs were down and needed Cotet and senior captain Andrew Ulrich to win their matches to secure a Frog victory.

Unfortunately, only Ulrich would come through for the Frogs.

Cotet went all the way to the third set against Corpus-Christi's Raul Morant-Rivas.

"I got off to a slow start in the first set," Cotet said. "I got encouragement from coach in the second and had momentum going into the third set."

Cotet lost (6-0) in the first but came back and beat Rivas (6-0) in the second. In the third set, it was tied at four games a piece, and Rivas broke Cotet to go ahead five to four before serving to win the match.

"I was proud of Cotet's play," Borelli said. "He came back after the hard first set



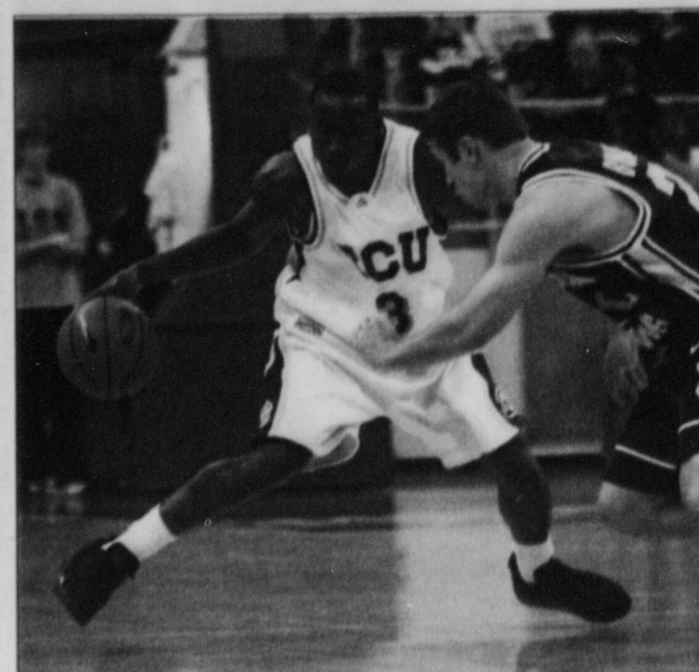
ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer  
 Graduate student Chris Biro prepares to serve during Sunday's match against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. The No. 35 Frogs lost to the No. 68 Islanders 5-2 Sunday afternoon.

and did not quit on himself or his team."

Ulrich took care of the Islanders' Jaume Farras defeating him in straight sets, (6-1), (6-4).

"I was able to control point from the baseline," Ulrich said. "I wanted to keep my opponent by running and kept him from being able to get good hard shots."

# Horned Frogs continue losing; forwards' play shows promise



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer  
 Freshman Jason Ebie attempts to dribble around a BYU defender during the Frogs' 85-72 loss to the BYU Cougars. TCU will try to end its season-high nine-game losing streak at Colorado State on Tuesday.

By MARCUS MURPHREE  
 Sports Editor

Good luck, bad luck or no luck at all; no matter what the logic, the men's basketball team is in the midst of a nine-game losing streak.

Saturday night had the Frogs going head to head with the Mountain West Conference leading BYU Cougars. The results for the evening were two players setting career highs in points and a third reaching double digits, all for the valiant effort of a loss.

At one point the Frogs (10-13, 2-9 conference) were tied for the conference lead after going 2-0. Since then, a string of nine losses plagued by bad shooting, weak ball handling and unlucky timing have dropped TCU into the bottom of the conference.

Saturday, the Frogs hit nearly 50 percent of their shots from the field, while the Cougars (19-6, 9-2 conference), managed to go 62 percent from the field. The shooting improved, but the outcome stayed the same.

"It's frustrating when you have a good game and lose," sophomore forward Kevin Langford said. "I'd rather have a mediocre game and win."

Langford notched a career-high 22-points, while senior center Femi Ibikunle had a career night with 13. Forward Alvarado Parker chipped in 10

points, but the guards were kept quiet when they made a collective 27 points en route to an 85-72 loss.

"They made a big emphasis on taking away 3-point shots," guard Brent Hackett said. "They just started pressuring the perimeter."

Hackett had been averaging 13.4 points per game during conference play until his six point performance on Saturday.

"If they take our 3-pointers away, they win," Hackett said.

The play from the forwards raised a vote of confidence from head coach Neil Dougherty.

"They just started face-guarding Brent, so we used him as a decoy to get the ball inside," Dougherty said. "It's the first time we had three big guys in double figures."

Freshman point guard Martiese Morones picked up four assists against the Cougars while helping set up the forwards for their plays in the middle.

"We put Martiese in because he can get in and out quicker and do some things even though he doesn't understand all the plays yet," Dougherty said.

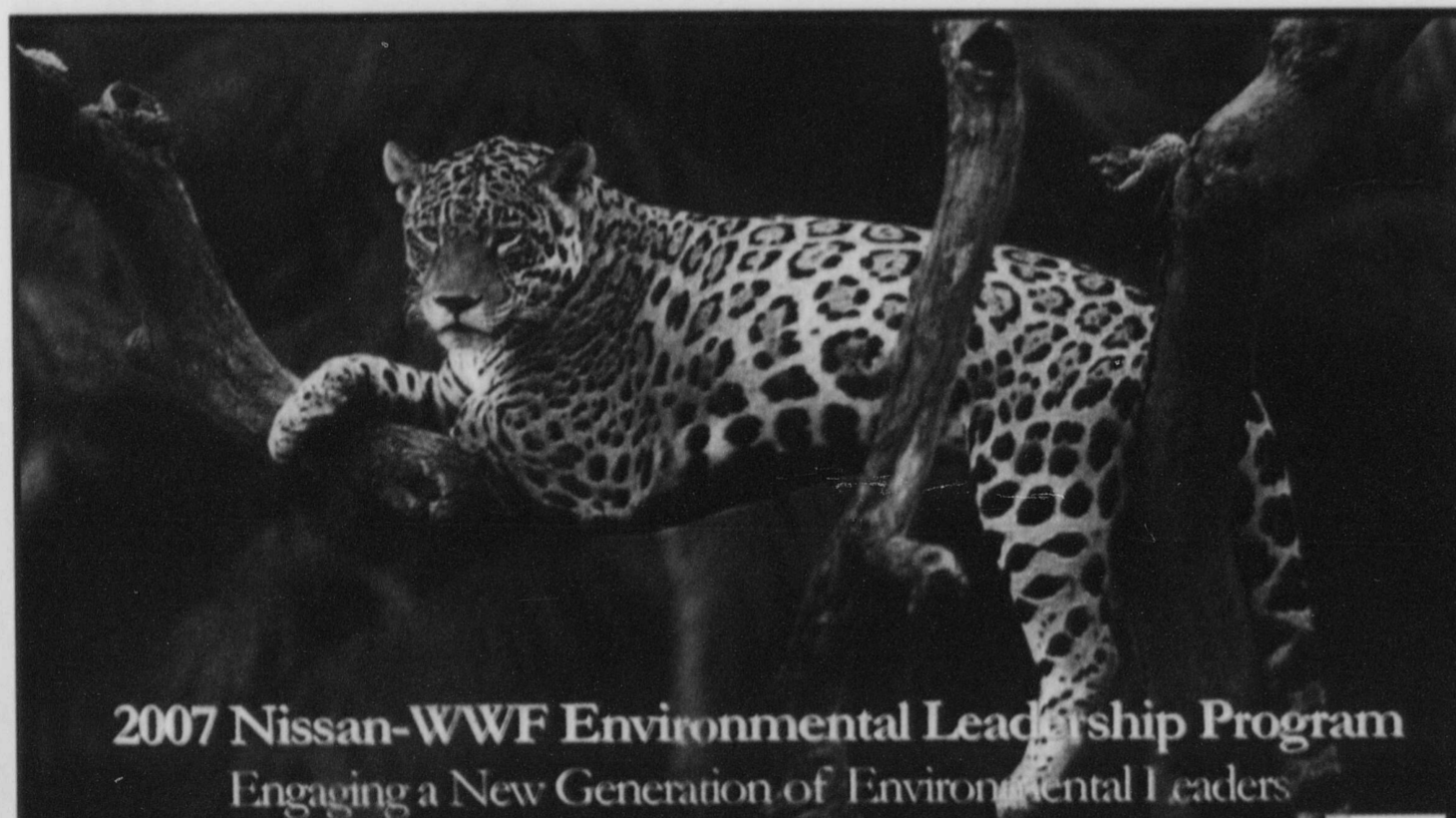
The next chance to get off the losing streak will come against the Colorado State Rams tonight in Fort Collins.

"We have got to steal one on the road and get off this skid," Langford said.

## TOP SCORERS

Name	Points	Field Goal %
Kevin Langford	22 points*	50%
Femi Ibikunle	13 points*	80%
Alvarado Parker	10 points	83%

\*Indicates career-high totals.



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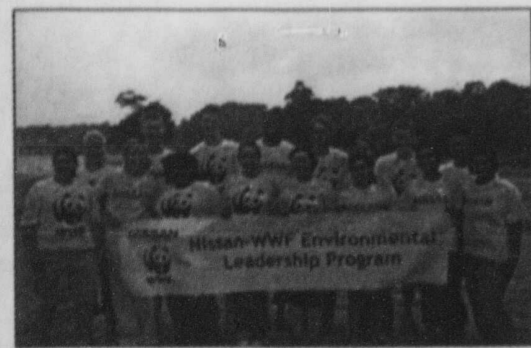
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